

THE FRAMINGHAM CHESS CLUB

A USCF AND MACA AFFILIATE

115 Bay State Road #7

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April 6, 1984

Mr. Al Lawrence
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Dear Mr. Lawrence:

On May 5-6 the Framingham Chess Club will sponsor the New England Women's Championship, a 4-round Swiss open to women resident in the New England states. A Tournament Life announcement on this event appeared in the recent May Chess Life. This event is an attempt to promote women's chess in New England, and in particular showcase the abilities of some very talented women players--hopefully dispelling the notion that the handful of women active are all in Class E. The Massachusetts Chess Association database includes some 70 women, to whom we are mass-mailing flyers to supplement the TL listing. The event has the blessing of the Massachusetts and New England Chess Association boards; in particular we have been authorized to call the event "NECA-sanctioned". It would, however, add further lustre to the title (and underscore the USCF's commitment to Women's chess) if the USCF would designate this event a USCF regional championship. I do not know what your criteria are for this. Please let me know soon your thought on this possibility.

Another of our club's directors, Paul McClanahan, was in touch with you not long ago concerning our efforts to organize a challenge match between David Levy and the current computer world champion, Cray Blitz. Unfortunately, Mr. Levy made his demand that we pay the expenses of his second as well as his own a sine qua non, and this was something that neither we nor our corporate co-sponsors were willing to do. Mr. Levy is reportedly trying to organize the match himself now in London, but apparently is running into exactly the same problems on exactly the same issue. The last I heard the possibility of the match was rapidly diminishing. (Actually, we are trying to bring Viktor Kortchnoi to Framingham after the forthcoming New York International, and we had the momentary plan of staging an exhibition speed match between Kortchnoi and Cray Blitz--an eminently acceptable substitute! Unfortunately we could not synchronize the schedules of the two parties, and indeed are having a hard time synchronizing Kortchnoi's and ours.)

The Framingham Chess Club directors are already looking ahead to 1985 and beyond. With the exception of the Pan-Am Intercollegiates, which have been held in New England twice in the last decade, no true national event has come to New England since the US Open in 1970. The Framingham Chess Club is interested in the possibility of bidding on a national-level event for 1985 or 1986. Most of the interest, predictably, is for the US Open, though other Open events would be considered. With some of these deadlines not too far away, I would appreciate it if you could send me bidding information on these events.

Best Regards,


Warren C. Pinches

NORFOLK-MIDDLESEX CHESS ASSOCIATION

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12 May 1984

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Our New England Women's Championship was a success, albeit a modest one. Despite notices in Chess Life, Chess Horizons, mailings to the 53 women we could identify from MACA and USCF printouts, leafletting at major tournaments, and phone calls to everyone we could get in touch with, we attracted only five players. (Two others planned to come but had to withdraw at the last minute.) The quality of the competition, however, was outstanding, with a number of excellent games and numerous upsets. The winners were Cristy Barsky of Somerville MA, whose rating was only 1396 but whose study under John Curdo has clearly been paying off, and Vesna Dimitrijevic of Cambridge MA, a graduate student at MIT. This was Vesna's first American tournament, though she has been playing a great deal in her home club in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and studying under her club trainer--IM Abramovic!

Due to the small turnout we altered the format to a round-robin by unanimous request of the participants. I have already sent in the rating report, but here's a recap:

		1	2	3	4	5	Final	S-B
Cristy Barsky	1396	X	1	1	1	0	3	6
Vesna Dimitrijevic	UNR	0	X	1	1	1	3	4
Linda Bourassa	1798	0	0	X	1	1	2	
Gail Lingner	1635	0	0	0	X	1	1	
Sharon Burtman	1391	1	0	0	0	X	1	

We declared Barsky and Dimitrijevic co-champions, with the main trophy going to Barsky on Sonnenborn-Berger points and the Under-1600 trophy to Dimitrijevic.

We are not deterred by the small turnout this first time and plan to do this again in 1985. We hope we can count on continued USCF recognition of this event at a USCF Regional Championship. I expect in future years to be able to attract 10-15 players to this event from the current base of women tournament players in New England.

The USCF's contribution to this tournament was greatly appreciated, and used towards this year's championship trophy. The NECA board and the Framingham Chess Club will work on instituting a permanent trophy next year. Thank you for your interest and support.

Best Regards,



Warren C. Pinches

NORFOLK-MIDDLESEX CHESS ASSOCIATION

NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP, MAY 5-6, 1984, FRAMINGHAM

Numerous talented women chessplayers have emerged in New England in recent years, and this new championship is designed to spotlight their achievements and promote the steadily growing presence of women in New England tournaments.

DATE: May 5-6, 1984

SITE: Room 1836, Framingham State College Center, State Street, Framingham Center.

NOTE: This is a change from the site announced in Chess Life and Chess Horizons.

FORMAT: The event will be a four-round Swiss in a single section. Time limit will be 45 moves in two hours. Rounds will be at 10:30AM and 4PM on Saturday, and 10AM and 3:30PM on Sunday.

PRIZES: Trophy and New England Chess Federation-sanctioned title to champion. A trophy will also be awarded to the top player rated under 1600.

ENTRY FEE: \$10 if mailed in advance, \$15 at the door.

MEMBERSHIPS: All players must be current members of the US Chess Federation (\$16 adult, \$3 if under 18, available at the tournament) or pay a surcharge of \$1 per game.

SMOKING: There will be no smoking in the playing area. You may smoke outside the tournament room.

REGISTRATION: Advance entries should be sent payable to the Framingham Chess Club, c/o Warren Pinches, 115 Bay State Road #7, Boston MA 02215. Registration at the door ends at 10AM Saturday. (Later entrants will be paired at the director's discretion and may have to take a 1/2 point bye.) No phone entries. If you pre-enter and cannot attend, call for a full refund before 10PM Friday, May 4 at (617) 353-1889 or (617) 923-8109; no refund for later withdrawals.

DIRECTIONS: Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for directions to site and information on lodgings.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS: The New England Women's Championship is part of the Framingham Chess Congress, which will also include one-day open quads on both Saturday and Sunday.

REFRESHMENTS: Free coffee. A cafeteria is also located in the building.

SPONSORSHIP: Sponsored by the Framingham Chess Club.

SEND ENTRIES PAYABLE TO THE FRAMINGHAM CHESS CLUB, c/o Warren Pinches, 115 Bay State Road #7, Boston MA 02215. Send postcard if you want entry acknowledged--SASE if you want a map or information on lodging.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

USCF ID NO.: _____ USCF EXPIRATION DATE: _____

USCF RATING (if any): _____ Enclosed is \$_____ to renew/join USCF (circle if joining)